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SUBJ: BHUTTO'S INTERVIEW WITH DE TELEGRAAF

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1. AFP RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING COPY OF QUESTION AND ANSWER CONCERNING CENTO AND PAKISTAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH US FROM NOVEMBER 6 "DE TELEGRAAF" INTERVIEW MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. QTE QUESTION: AS FOR THE MORE REGIONAL ASPECTS OF PAKISTAN'S POSITION, YOUR COUNTRY IS STILL A MEMBER OF CENTO (WITH IRAN, TURKEY, THE US AND BRITAIN). ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE WORKING OF THIS TREATY, DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR COUNTRY, BECAUSE OF THIS PACT, AN ALLY OF THE USA?  
ANSWER: I WOULD PREFER TO ASK: HOW DOES AMERICA REGARD US: WE ARE NOT TREATED LIKE AN ALLY. WE ARE THE ONLY COUNTRY WHICH IS ALLIED TO THE US WHICH IS NOT ALLOWED TO BUY AMERICAN WEAPONS ON CREDIT TERMS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO  
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PAY CASH FOR THESE EXPENSIVE WEAPONS. EVEN EGYPT CAN GET

CREDIT TERMS. IT NOW HAS PERMISSION TO BUY HERCULES PLANES. I DO NOT ENVY OUR EGYPTIAN BROTHERS FOR THIS, BUT WHY CAN'T WE GET CREDIT TERMS? THE AMERICANS LIKE TO SPARE CERTAIN INDIAN SENSIBILITIES BY IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON OUR WEAPONS PURCHASES. BUT ARE WE THREATENING INDIA? THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY (THIS INTERVIEW WAS GIVEN BEFORE THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS) JIMMY CARTER SAID THAT HE, IF ELECTED PRESIDENT, WOULD DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO PREVENT PAKISTAN FROM GETTING THE REPROCESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE, WHICH WE ORDERED FROM THAT COUNTRY. WHAT IS THIS MAN INTERFERING WITH? WHAT IS AMERICA INTERFERING WITH? I TELL YOU, WHEN MR. CARTER IS ELECTED OR WHEN PRESIDENT FORD IS REELECTED, IF THEY CONTINUE TO THWART US, WE WILL END THE ALLIANCE WITH THE US. IF THIS HAPPENS, WE WILL TURN TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE THINGS WE NEED. WHAT POSSESSES THESE AMERICANS? WHAT CAUSE DID WE GIVE FOR THEIR RESENTMENT? HOW MANY ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS HAS INDIA MADE? DID WE EVER SAY SUCH THINGS ABOUT THE AMERICANS? I KNOW I NEVER ATTACKED THE AMERICANS AS STRONGLY AS I AM DOING NOW, BUT THEY CAUSED ME TO DO SO. NO, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I CANNOT ATTACH A GREAT VALUE ANY LONGER TO THIS ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S. UNQTE.  
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